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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA ON ICC

1. PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA TOLD BRITISH AMBASSADOR DAVIDSON AND ME LAST NIGHT THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND CANADA'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ICC AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT IN LAO HISTORY. SOUVANNA SAID IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO CRITICIZE CANADA'S DECISION BUT IT WAS MOST DISAPPOINTING TO HAVE CANADA LEAVE JUST WHEN THE COMMISSION MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE A REAL CONTRIBUTION TO LASTING PEACE IN INDO-CHINA.

2. SOUVANNA SAID HE HAD NO SPECIFIC COUNTRY IN MIND AS A REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA. HE FELT THE CHOICE LAY WITH THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN AND HE HOPED THAT THE CHAIRMEN WOULD CONSULT WITH HIM BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISION WAS REACHED. SOUVANNA SAID HE SAW NO REASON WHY ANY PARTICULAR STRESS SHOULD BE LAID ON GETTING REPRESENTATIVE FROM THIS PART OF THE WORLD. THE RESOLUTION OF THE INDO-CHINA CONFLICT WAS A MATTER OF FAR RANGING INTERNATIONAL CONCERN AND HE BELIEVED THAT COUNTRIES WITH NO PARTICULAR LINKS TO SOUTH EAST ASIA SHOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE BURDEN OF ASSURING PEACE HERE. WHITEHOUSE

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